

FISCAL NOTE

Bill #: SB0476

Title: Screening of person subject to involuntary mental health commitment

Primary Sponsor: Stonington, E.

Status: As Introduced

Sponsor signature	Date	Chuck Swysgood, Budget Director	Date
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Fiscal Summary

	<u>FY 2004 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2005 Difference</u>
Net Impact on General Fund Balance:	\$0	\$0

<input type="checkbox"/> Significant Local Gov. Impact	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Technical Concerns
<input type="checkbox"/> Included in the Executive Budget	<input type="checkbox"/> Significant Long-Term Impacts
<input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated Revenue Form Attached	<input type="checkbox"/> Needs to be included in HB 2

Fiscal Analysis

ASSUMPTIONS:

There is no measurable fiscal impact for this legislation.

EFFECT ON COUNTY OR OTHER LOCAL REVENUES OR EXPENDITURES:

This bill could increase the length of stay in Montana State Hospital for some of the persons who are subject to an involuntary civil commitment to the Montana State Hospital. This situation could happen while the court waits for information regarding whether a community mental health center has services available and submits the required treatment plan. It is not anticipated this increase will happen in every case and should be no longer than one additional day. Any resultant additional costs would be paid by counties.

TECHNICAL NOTES:

1. Passage of this bill could result in long-term savings in institutional costs by preventing inappropriate admissions.
2. Section 53-21-127 requires a post trial disposition hearing be held within five days of determining that a respondent is suffering from a mental disorder and requires commitment. The additional requirement for involvement of a community mental health center could make this difficult to meet this statutory deadline in selected cases.